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Patience Urged in Wake of Spring Blizzard

(North Platte, NE)- Travelers headed east and west bound on Interstate 80 in Nebraska are urged to stay put as the Nebraska State Patrol and Nebraska Department of Roads works to clear vehicles stranded during a spring blizzard.

Several dozen vehicles remain stranded in a 12-mile construction zone between Paxton and Ogallala. Efforts are underway to remove the vehicles, releasing the bottleneck allowing snow plows to clear the road and the Interstate to reopen.

"We need motorists to stay put at this time," said Troop D Commander, Captain Jim Parish. "We have traffic backing up at Interstate closure points both east and west and basically they have nowhere to go."

Motorists with travel plans are encouraged to monitor "511" the state's automated road and weather condition information system. The system can also be accessed via the internet at <www.511nebraska.org>. Travelers outside of Nebraska wanting to check road and weather condition reports may do so by dialing 1-800-906-9069.

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